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#### VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: In the Matter of Applications for Consent to the Transfer of Control of Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations from Ameritech Corporation, Transferor, to SBC Communications, Inc., Transferee, CC Docket No. 98-141

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

On behalf of Covad Communications Company ("Covad"), we respectfully request pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46(b) that the Commission grant the accompanying Motion for Acceptance of Late-Filed Comments in the above-referenced matter, which would permit Covad to file its Comments on the SBC-Ameritech Proposed Conditions of Covad Communications Company ("Comments"). As discussed below and in the accompanying motion, good cause exists for the Commission to grant Covad's motion and accept these Comments.

By Order dated July 7, 1999, the Commission directed that the parties to this proceeding file their comments by July 19, 1999. On that date, Covad commissioned a private courier service to file the Comments with the Commission, but learned only today that the courier had failed to make the filing with the Commission Secretary. The courier did serve copies of Covad's Comments, however, on Commission staff (Janice Myles) and with the Commission's outside copy contractor (ITS). Moreover, copies of Covad's Comments were served on all parties to this proceeding on July 19, 1999.

Good cause thus exists to accept the Comments as late filed. Covad clearly attempted to meet the Commission's filing deadline, as shown by the courier's timely serving Ms. Myles and ITS. Clearly, too, no other party would be disadvantaged if the Comments are accepted for filing at this time, as Covad is submitting the same Comments that were supposed to be filed with the Commission -- and that actually were served on the parties -- on July 19, 1999. Finally, Covad

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submits that the public interest would be served by including the Comments in the record of this proceedings.

Please feel free to call me with any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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**Enclosures** 

# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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# MOTION BY COVAD COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF LATE-FILED COMMENTS

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.46(b), Covad Communications Company ("Covad") respectfully requests that the Commission accept as late filed the accompanying Comments on the SBC-Ameritech Proposed Conditions of Covad Communications Company ("Comments") on the ground that good cause exists for the Commission to accept these Comments. In support of this motion, Covad states as follows:

- 1. By Order dated July 7, 1999, the Commission directed that the parties to this proceeding file their comments by July 19, 1999. On that date, Covad commissioned a private courier service to file the Comments with the Commission, but learned only today that the courier had failed to make the required filing with the Commission Secretary.
- 2. The courier did serve copies of Covad's Comments, however, on Commission staff (Janice M. Myles) and with the Commission's outside copy contractor (International

Transcription Services, Inc.). Moreover, copies of Covad's Comments properly were served on all parties to this proceeding on July 19, 1999.

3. Good cause thus exists for the Commission to accept Covad's Comments as late filed in this matter. Covad clearly attempted to meet the Commission's filing deadline, as shown by its courier's timely serving Ms. Myles and ITS. Clearly, too, no other party would be disadvantaged if this Motion is granted, as Covad is submitting the same Comments that were supposed to be filed with the Commission -- and that actually were served on the parties -- on July 19, 1999. Finally, Covad submits that the public interest would be served by including the accompanying Comments in the record of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Covad's Motion for Acceptance of Late-Filed Comments should be granted and the accompanying Comments accepted in this proceeding.

Dated: July 22, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that copies of the foregoing Motion by Covad Communications Company for Acceptance of Late-Filed Comments were served by first-class mail on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of July, 1999, upon the following:

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